



## NORWEGIAN-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE

### “INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND BUSINESS:

### NORWEGIAN AND RUSSIAN PERSPECTIVES”

**18-19 March 2013**

**University of Nordland, Bodø, Norway**

The conference aims to establish the forum for dialogue and exchange of successful experience between Norwegian and Russian higher education institutions in the field of education, research and cooperation with business.

The focus is on best practices, further initiatives and prospects in education, research and business cooperation.

The conference will be discussing:

- Presentation of the best practices of cooperation between Norwegian and Russian higher education institutions in the light of the Bologna Declaration (academic mobility, mutual recognition of study periods);
- Discussion of Norwegian-Russian perspectives and further initiatives of the cooperation in education and research (joint degree programs on bachelor, master and ph.d. levels);
- Joint debate about High North region development: prospects of research-based education and business cooperation between Norway and Russia.

The conference starts with a plenary session on March 18<sup>th</sup> with presentations by the key note speakers from the Ministries of Education and Research, Research authorities and Regional Governments in Russia and Norway. The next day, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, parallel sessions will take place focusing on prospects of joint educational programs, research-based education and cooperation with business.

#### **Conference organizers**

This conference is initiated and organized by University of Nordland (Norway) and Northern (Arctic) Federal University (Russia) as a part of celebrating 20 years' anniversary of signing “The Kirkenes Declaration” which served as a starting point for developing a new model of cross-border cooperation in the Barents region, particularly in the field of education and research.

**Registration** is available at: <http://www.uin.no/english/news/conferences/Pages/default.aspx>

Deadline for registration is **February 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

There is no conference fee. Lunch both days and conference dinner will be covered by the organizer. Participants pay for travel and accommodation. Please see information on hotels at the registration link.

For questions on the conference, please contact:

Monica Brobakk: University of Nordland: [monica.brobakk@uin.no](mailto:monica.brobakk@uin.no)

Krisztina Czinki, University of Nordland: [krisztina.czinki@uin.no](mailto:krisztina.czinki@uin.no)

Elena Dybtsyna: University of Nordland: [elena.dybtsyna@uin.no](mailto:elena.dybtsyna@uin.no)

Andrey Kazakov: University of Nordland, High North Center for Business (visa):  
[andrey.kazakov@uin.no](mailto:andrey.kazakov@uin.no)

Information to our Russian partners:

Marina Kalinina, Northern (Arctic) Federal University, [m.r.kalinina@narfu.ru](mailto:m.r.kalinina@narfu.ru)

Irma Dvali, Northern (Arctic) Federal University, [l.zarubina@narfu.ru](mailto:l.zarubina@narfu.ru)

We are also happy to offer the conference participants a cultural program within the Nordland Winter Music Week and participation in the Arctic Dialogue conference. The conference takes place at University of Nordland March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>. For information and registration for the Arctic Dialogue, please see [www.arcticdialogue.com](http://www.arcticdialogue.com).